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BONNIE BLINK CORN HUSKING PENNIES: 1984-1999
By Karl E. Keller

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PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

Included along with this Journal is the fourth in our series of new reference documents: "Bonnie Blink Corn Husking Pennies 1984-1999". Thanks goes out to Karl Keller for his research and efforts in picking up where the earlier reference by A. Vernon Taylor left off. Our current plan is to eventually issue a new reference covering the entire span of this interesting series. I also want to remind you that our next meeting will be held at the annual Maryland State Numismatic Association (MSNA) Convention/ Atlantic Rarities Coin Exposition at the Baltimore Convention Center on Saturday 27 May 2000. We also still need members to volunteer to develop more reference material. We need your help to continue this program.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

I want to use this President's letter to make all the members of the Maryland Token & Medal Society aware of an exciting project being undertaken by our organization. In conjunction with the new 50 State Quarter program of the United States Mint, we have had a special elongated die designed for use with quarter dollar coins. We have used this die to elongate 50 coins from each of the first five states. We will continue to elongate 50 coins from each state until we do Hawaii, the 50th state. We are making the initial offering of these elongated quarters to Maryland TAMS members only. Initial purchase will be limited to a single set being sold in five coin subset increments. The total cost for the fifty coin set will be $40.00 in ten increments of $4.00. Sets will be sold on a first come - first served basis. If we do not sell 50 sets to our members with the 1 set limit we will then offer extra sets to members. After this, we will offer sets for sale to The Elongated Collectors (TEC) organization and to others via advertisements in Numismatic News.

Several of our members have already signed up to purchase the elongated set. I want to make sure that our non-local members or members who were unable to attend our last MD TAMS meeting are given a chance to take advantage of this offer. If you are interested, please forward a letter of intent to purchase a set along with a check made out to MD TAMS for $5.00 ($4 + $1 P&H) to cover the first five elongated coins to the MD TAMS PO Box address. The initial subset will be shipped as soon as your letter and payment is received. Also indicate if you are interested in additional sets if available. We need your letter of intent by the end of May as we will begin selling additional member sets in June.

Ed Craig
President, MD TAMS

Isaac Solomon, Developer, Canner, Promoter

By
R. Lee Burton

Recently a new local history Elliott Island: The Land That Time Forgot, stimulated my interest in Isaac Solomon. I have a Solomon token. When I learned in the book that he bought land there in 1852 with the intent to plant and develop oysters I decided to explore further. His venture failed for lack of legislative support. I was aware that he later had some reknown as a canner so I proceeded.

Without doing extensive research I learned that Isaac Solomon (1819-1895) was born in Wilmington, Delaware. At some point he saw the Chesapeake Bay as an opportunity to make money. He was referred to by some sources as Capt. Isaac Solomon. During the Civil War he had relocated to Baltimore where he entered the canning business to supply food for troops. During the 1860s he was credited with adapting the canning process developed by British chemist, Sir Humphrey Davis, which involved using calcium chloride to elevate the temperature of water from 212° to 240° thus reducing the time required to heat or "cook" products in cans which increased productivity. However, Thomas J. Schirf in his History of Baltimore gives the credit to another canner, Louis McMurray. In most canning histories Solomon is cited for this improvement. Later of course steam was used under pressure as it is today but Solomon retained his niche in canning history.

Apparently his canning experience in Baltimore gave him the idea of combining canning with a business to build and repair seafood workboats. To accomplish this he bought Sandy Island in the mouth of Calvert County's Patuxent River in 1868. By the spring of 1870 he had built a store, a cannery and a ship repair facility on the island. He also developed lots which were rented to workers for low rates so homes could be built. Initially the business prospered and soon the island became known as Solomon's Island providing him a lasting place in Maryland history.

Returning to my token, it is the only specimen that I've seen or heard of but I have no idea of its rarity. The token is 19 mm in size. Around the rim of the obverse reads "Solomon Packing Co.", in the center is the number "10". On the reverse in the center is the number "10" but somewhat larger. Above and below the number are three small stars. Well struck denticles encircle the token which has a light blue toning. It appears to be the type of token struck by J.F.W. Dorman. My guess is the token represents the shucking of a ½ gallon of oysters but it may have had some other use.

Isaac Solomon has a permanent place in Maryland history. Unfortunately his business went into bankruptcy in 1878 as did a subsequent business. After three bankruptcies he decided to leave Maryland which he did in the early 1880s. This did not keep him from new ventures. The following obituary from the Sun summarizes the rest of his story.

Solomon, Isaac -1895

Mr. Isaac Solomon died at his home near New Castle, Delaware, September 14, 1895, aged 76. Solomon's Island was named for him. He was born at Wilmington, Delaware, married to Miss Chandler of that city. Removed to Maryland, worked in Baltimore and engaged in the oyster packing business at Solomon's Island. After the Civil War he bought the Calvert County island and built an extensive packing establishment there. It is said that when he bought the island it had only one house. His business grew and a town started to grow. The population is now several hundred persons. In the early '80s Mr. Solomon went to Philadelphia, became one of the proprietors of the Bingham House. His success induced him to build the San Marco Hotel in Atlantic City. He retired from that business a few years ago, on account of his health, and purchased "Buttonwood" an estate near New Castle, Delaware, where he since resided. He leaves two sons and a daughter who reside in Philadelphia.

Sunday, September 16, 1895, pg. 1

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Hartzog's Exonumia Sale 10

Millard W. Hajek

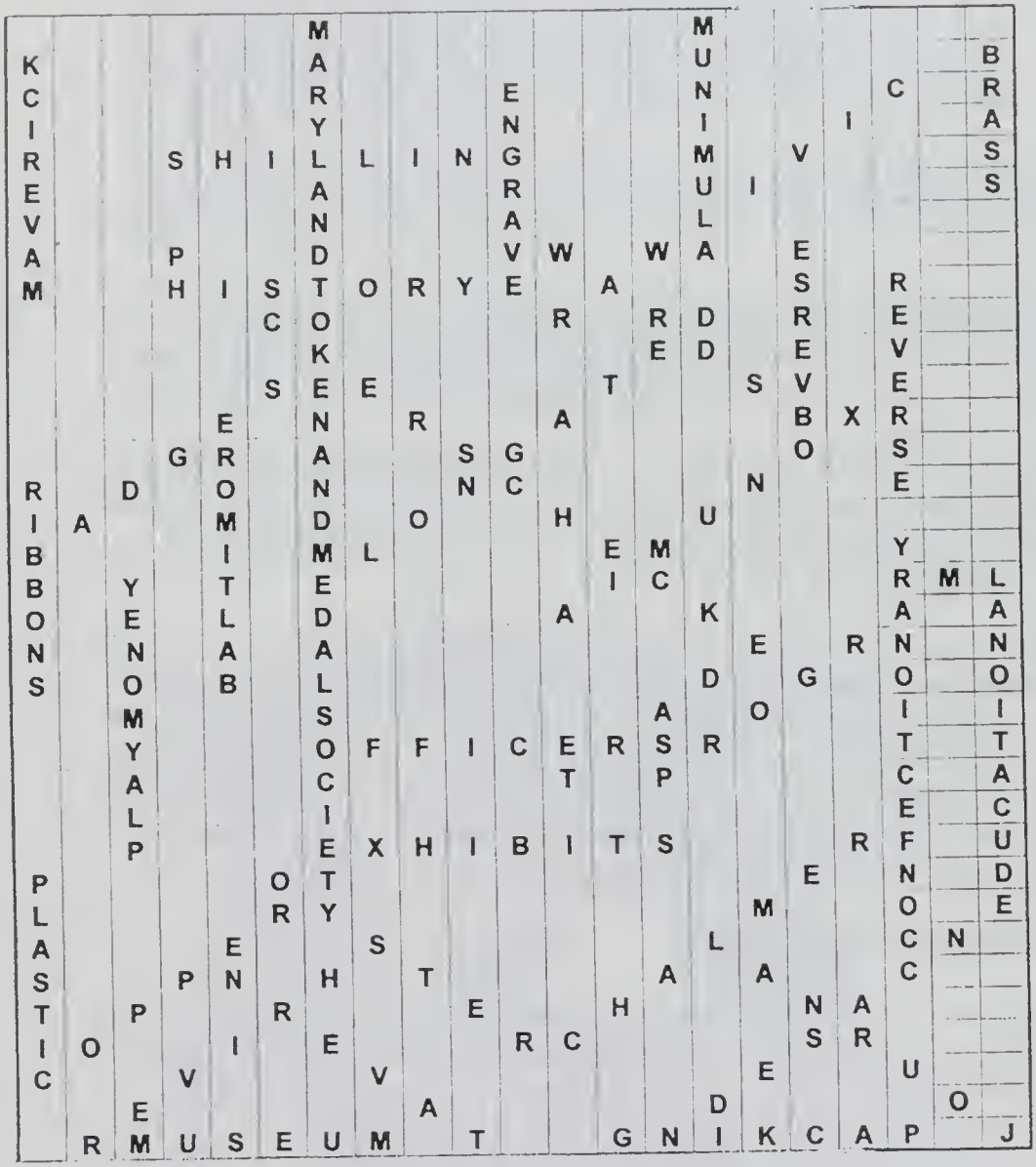
Rich Hartzog's World Exonumia Sale 10 featuring the "Brunk Collection of Merchant Countermarked Coins" closed on June 29-30, 1999. I subscribed to the catalog for a reference and submitted bids on several lots and even managed to place the winning bids on a couple lots too! Did you place any bids for this sale? Wow! What a surprise when I received the prices realized. The token market for scarce to rare Maryland tokens is alive and well! Check out these results for yourself on the winning bids for Maryland items selected from the catalog. The historical background information also provides some very useful facts about the tokens.

Lot No.	Lot Description	Winning Bid
136	**S.S. Frigate Constellation (1797), ca. 1960.** "This coin struck from parts...", struck from copper spikes used in the original construction. First Ship of the US Navy. Copper, 32mm. XF. Also good for lifetime admission. Page 5 $10.00-15.00+	$14.00
323	**"6/Baltm." Hard Times 149.** Five dotted lines after "6", which many describe as an oyster crate. Deep bold XF c/m, overlapping double struck on AG brown 1825 Half Cent. Probably Baltimore, MD. Only 5 known, the latest dated 1834. Hard Times Token R-149, R7 (Rulau 1997; p105), Rare! *Rulau suggests this is perhaps the token of an oyster shucker, indicating 6 quarts shucked. A lesser specimen realized $205 in Coin Galleries, July 1994.* Page 9	$115.00
349	**(MD: Baltimore) "H.S. Burges".** Attributed to a silverplater in Baltimore by Rulau. Nice VF c/m. One of the most prolific US stampers of coins, so many that the top of 'B' broke and is missing on this specimen. Probably struck in 1858 as that is latest coin known date. On brown VG 1851 Large Cent. *A similar c/m on a 1845 cent brought $68 in the Nov. 1989 Coin Galleries auction.* Page 12	$14.00
350	**(MD: Baltimore) "H.S. Burges".** Very sharp XF c/m, mint red in letters, 'B' top broken; on nice brown F/VF 1852 Large Cent. A popular c/m. *Brunk Plate. TAMS Aug. 1990 plate.* Page 12	$16.00
351	**(MD: Baltimore) "H.S. Burges".** "Burges" (coin too small for full c/m). Bold VF c/m, 'B' top weak; on good Flying Eagle Cent, date removed. Page 12	$21.25
352	**(MD: Baltimore) "H.S. Burges".** Bold VF c/m, top of 'B' complete! On worn AG 185? Quarter. Page 12	$14.14

438	**MD: Baltimore) Houck's Panacea.** Hard Times 141. Jacob Houck was born in Frederick, MD, and moved to Baltimore in 1828, where he had a dry goods store at 121 W. Baltimore St. In 1834 he started selling his panacea, and advertised in the 1835 to 1842 city directories that it was prepared solely from vegetable matter. A bottle cost $1.50, and Houck stated a liberal discount would be given to those buying for resale. Eventually his shop was located at No. 16, the corner of German and Hanover Sts. In 1851 Henry T. Houck became proprietor of the business. He must have sold the rights to produce the medicine, as a bottle exists with Goddletsville, TN address, with another made in Nashville. The 1855 Nashville city directory carried an ad by A.G. Goodlet (presumably Goodletsville was named for his family) who stated he now sold Houck's Panacea, popular in both the South and North. "Houck's/Panacea/Baltimore" BAR-PUNCH, in loal shaped indentation. Bold, clear VF c/m fully in field; on choice Fine 1834 Bust Half Dollar. One of the most sought after US c/m, a classic collected for over a century! Also listed as Hard Times Token R-141. (S60-H-190b on 1834 half) *A lower grade example sold for $665 in the Stacks Sept. 1996 sale. An 1835 half in a recent Bowers & Merena sale brought $1452, substantially above the values in Brunk & Rulau.* Page 17	$537.50
439	**(MD: Baltimore) Houck's panacea BOTTLE.** RARE wonderful large round bottle, with large letters embossed vertically "Houck's/Patent/ Panacea/Baltimore" light green tint, 6.5" tall, 3+" wide, iridescent, uneven large pontil off at base (as made), minor crack at mouth. With label from the Greer collection, sold by Harmer-Rooke, NY. See Rulau PLATE 1997; 104. Nice condition! Excellent display item! Rare! $450.00-500.00+ *Brunk reports RARE, one of only three seen in 20 years. Rulau plate of this specimen, p.104; Journal of American Culture, 1991, "Coins Stamped with Advertising: A Forgotten Chapter of 19th Century Midwestern History" plate.* Page 17	$405.00
446	**"F. Hunt".** Struck twice, one VF, other weak VG, in fields (see Brunk photo). On nice, clean AG-Good to Fine at edges, 1806 Draped Bust Half Dollar, with prominent die-break through date, stars. Only known example on half; one of 3 known. Rare. *Brunk Plate.* Page 17	$275.00
458	**(MD: Baltimore) "C. Kidd".** Probably one of the stamps of Charles Kidd, who ran an edge tool factory in Baltimore on Pratt St 'At the Sign of the Axe', during the 1850's. See the Update for Kidd's advertisement. Large , bold XF c/m, but bottom of "DD" weak; on AG 1848 Large Cent. One of two Known, both on large cents. *Brunk Plate, Color Cover Photo.* Page 18	$37.00
463	**(MD: Baltimore) Knight's Mineral Water Saloon.** Albert Knight sold mineral water on the corner of Eagle and Hamilton Streets, and later at 99 Baltimore St. until 1860. During the Civil War he sold mineral water to the Army Quartermaster Dept. He died in New Bern, NC in 1863. "A. Knight's/Mineral/Water Saloon/99/Balto Street". Partially weak at edges, otherwise F/VF c/m; on 1777 Lima two reals, nice AG. (S60-K156 Unlisted on 1 Reale) *Color Cover Photo. A similar example on a AG 1808 two reales sold for $227 in the 1985 B&M sale.* Page 18	$165.00

466	**(MD: Baltimore) "Kunkel's/Opera Troupe".** At one time John Wilkes Booth was part of George Kunkel's company at the Jenny Lind Theater in Richmond. In 1855 he moved to Baltimore and there managed a number of establishments, which included the Holliday St. and Old Front St. Theaters. In the late 1850's his Baltimore company became known as the Kunkel's Opera Troupe, specializing in minstrel shows. This is the 2-line variety. Mostly bold VF/XF, but "upe" weak; on AG 1777 Lima reale. One of only two known on one real. (S60-K205e on 1 Reale) *From Coin Galleries, Feb 1993, Lot 2026. Color Cover Photo. A similar VF c/m on a F 1772 two reales brought $250 in March 1989 B&M sale.* Page 18	$112.50
468	**"W.S. Lacey" & "C.H. Johnson".** Two line punches, first bold VF, second weak G/VG, last letter "n" not showing. On AG 1840 Large Cent, rev scratches. Only known specimen of Lacey on cent, total of 2 known of Johnson. *Brunk Plate. Ex-TMC, Feb 1979, lot 313.* Page 19	$33.00
478	**(MD) Baltimore Lyon-Hall Company.** An unusual piece, on a Chinese Cash! The Lyon-Hall Co sold carpets and matting, listed in city directories until 1894. Obv: "China - Lyon-Hall & Co. - Japan./Baltimore."; Rev: "China - India - Japan./Matting Importers." F/VF c/m; on hard-to-grade Fine Chinese cash. (S60-L220) Color Cover Photo. Rulau values at $50-75. Page 20	$55.75
979	**MD Cumberland: Queen City Brg. Co. Old German Beer.** HS, UNC., 1968-D. (MD TAMS # MD EC-60b) Page 37	$5.65
1302	**"6/Baltm." Hard Times 149.** Baltimore, MD. Hard Times Token 149, Rare! See lot 323. Page 44	No Sale!
1303	**(MD: Baltimore) Houck's Panacea.** HHT 141. See lot 437. Page 44	No Sale!
1416	**MD 6C Baltimore Oriole Celebration.** Bird; bldg. UNHOLED, W-M, bright XF PAGE 46 $20.00-25.00+	$34.15
1417	**MD 23 Baltimore: J.F.W. Dorman Printing Presses.** Unlisted in Rulau, (S60-D86). Liberty Head rev. N-Brass, VF+ Page 46 $20.00-25.00+ *Why is this unlisted in Rulau, when Schenkman book was published in 1986?*	$27.50
1418	**MD 220 Baltimore Post Office.** Bldg; Bombardment of Fort McHenry, scene. G-brass, top holed for ribbon, Bright XF. Page 46 $15.00-20.00+	$20.00
1419	**MD 149 Baltimore; Jacob Seeger.** Brass, toned XF. Page 46 $30.00-35.00+ (S60-S140a, Miller 148)	$27.00
1968	**IL Chicago TC: Baltimore MD Beauseant #8, 1910.** Enameled black/white/red pin, banner shape, 8" center. BZ; XF. Page 58	$10.00
3049	**HK-407 Pan-Pac: Maryland State Fund Dollar, 1915.** State seal; James Ryder and Francis Scott Key busts. BZ, CHOICE AU/UNC. Page 87 $100.00-125.00+	$110.00

The Answers



Token and Medal Word Sleuth

Members...Did any of you find the word "**incuse**"? I'm sorry to report, but I forget to include it. The **almost correct** word was "incume". I put the incorrect in the puzzle and neglected to put the correct spelling in the puzzle. My apologies to all. For those of you who have responded, I will not count that word when I check your answers. The first correct response that I received was Evan Votta (C-38). I'll try to do better the next time.

MEDAL CELEBRATES SHIPBUILDING IN BALTIMORE

Ernie Turnes

It came as no surprise, as the courtship had been going on for some time. It was an on-again, off-again affair – and with more than one suitor! And considering the celebrity of one of the parties, the close media attention and reporting was what you would expect. And yet, when the courtship ended in a "marriage", it was still a shock to some.

On October 2, 1997, Bethlehem Steel announced that it had sold the Sparrows Point, Maryland shipyard to Veritas Capital Fund. The new entity would be known as Baltimore Marine Industries, Inc.

After the sale was finalized, Bethlehem Steel had a medal produced to commemorate 81 years of Bethlehem Steel ship building and ship repair at the Sparrows Point yard (located in Baltimore County, 12 miles southeast of Baltimore City), dating back to 1916.

Robert L. Miller, a steel plant Quality Assurance Department engineer, who had worked in the yard, designed the four-inch (10-centimeter) diameter pewter medal. He also designed the medal that Bethlehem Steel had made to mark the closing of the Sparrows Point Plate Mill in 1998.

The front of the shipyard medal features a variety of projects undertaken at the yard, including the building of highway tunnel segments (including those for the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel), oil drilling rigs and tankers and the renovation of cruise ships. It also depicts a recent aerial view of the yard. Dividing the front of the medal into five sections is a representation of pieces of cable or rope. The words *Bethlehem Steel Corporation* are in a banner at the top, *1916-1997* are in a banner at the bottom and *Sparrows Point Shipyard* are shown atop a ship propeller in the center.

On the back of the medal are these words:

During its proud history of over eight decades, the Bethlehem shipyard at Sparrows Point built 490 world class vessels, including cargo, passenger, ore, ammunition, container, maritime prepositioning, and ocean survey ships, tankers, car floats, dump scows, barges, dredges, quarter boats, derrick boats, troop transports, chemical carriers, integrated tug/barges, drill rigs, a nuclear repair drydock, and a tug boat. The men and women of the shipyard expertly repaired over 320 other vessels and fabricated the steel tubes for three major interstate highway tunnels. In all that it undertook, the shipyard maintained an unsurpassed record of excellence which will long be remembered.

Beneath the text is a schematic of the yard with the words *SPARROWS POINT SHIPYARD* at the bottom.

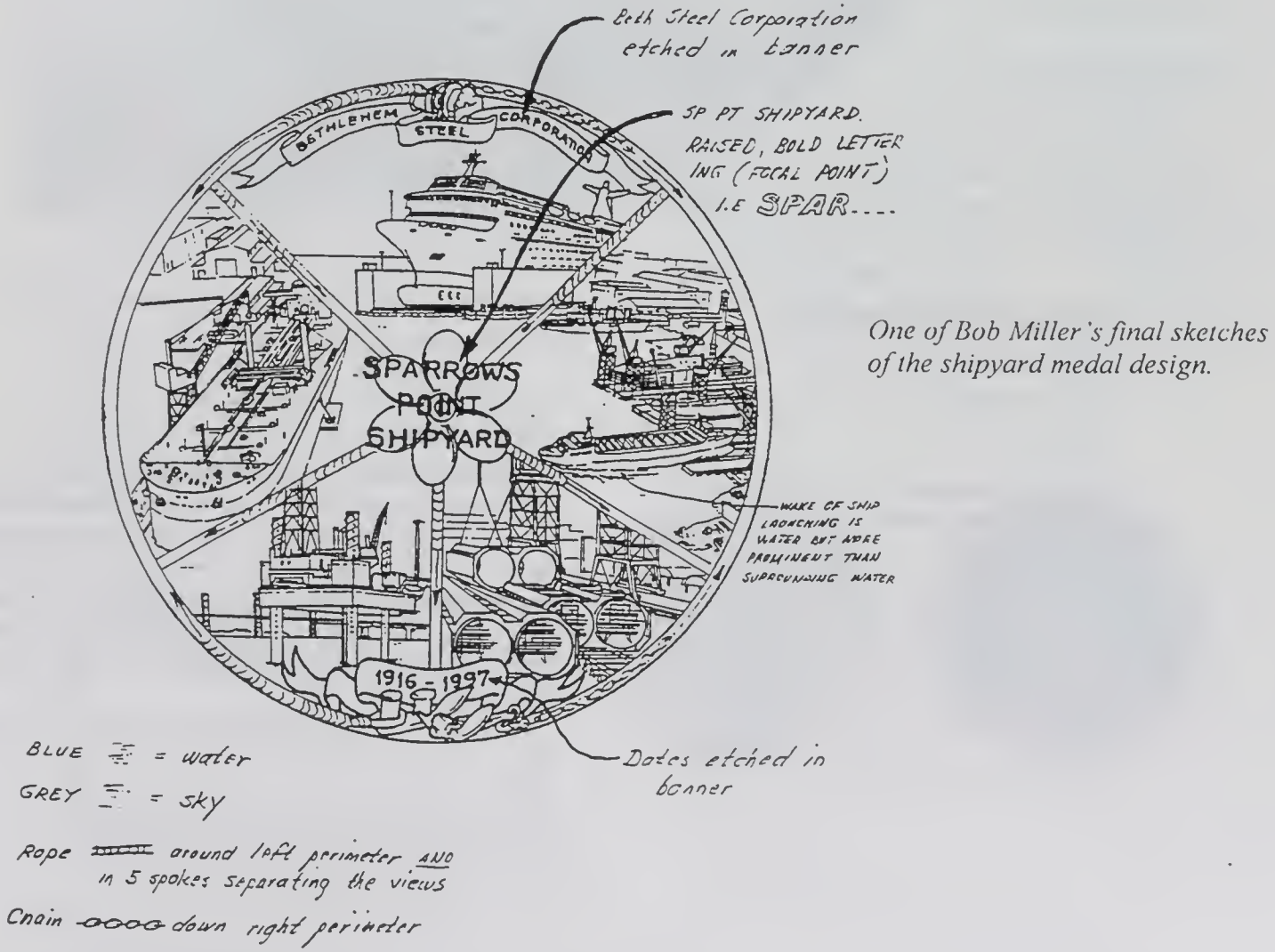
The medals were manufactured by "Bergamot, The Fine Art Foundry", Delavan, Wisconsin. They were distributed to active employees at the yard and to a few special guests. No more are available. (The author doesn't own one.)

Located next to the steel mill, the Sparrows Point shipyard was established by the Maryland Steel Company in 1890 and delivered its first hull, the tug PENNWOOD, in 1892. Bethlehem Steel purchased the yard and the steel plant in 1916 for $50 million. The yard occupies 200 acres on the east side of the Patapsco River where it meets the Chesapeake Bay. The last full-size ship built at the yard was launched in July 1979. Then Bethlehem undertook only smaller construction projects, and since 1991 focused exclusively on repair and conversion work.

The largest ships designed and constructed at the yard were 265,000 deadweight ton tankers, built in the early 1970s.

On a personal note, the author's father retired from the yard in January 1974 after 37 years of continuous service. We built and repaired many ships at the dinner table during those years.

I often wonder what my dad would think of that October 1997 announcement.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SP PT SHIPYARD. RAISED, BOLD LETTERING (FOCAL POINT) I.E SPAR....
BETHLEHEM STEEL CORPORATION
SPARROWS POINT SHIPYARD
WAKE OF SHIP LAUNCHING IS WATER BUT MORE PROMINENT THAN SURROUNDING WATER
1916 - 1997
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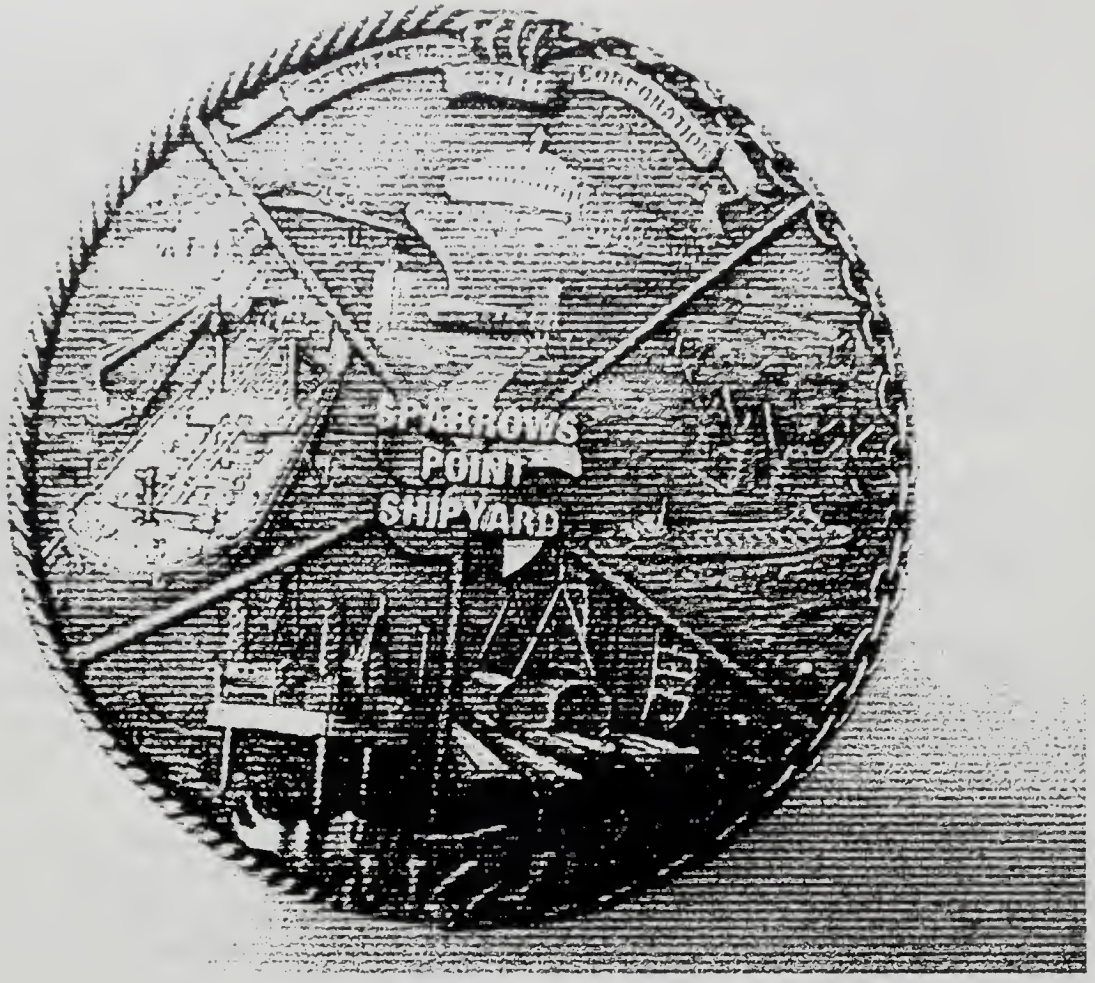
One of Bob Miller's final sketches of the shipyard medal design.



U. P. S. MEDAL

I pick this up at one of the Flea Markets in Maryland. To get some information I had to make seven difference phone calls to get Dale Kirendahl of UPS maintenance dept. This medal was given to all employees who work on opening day at the Hunt Valley UPS. Opening day was 1965. Size-40 MM. A copy of a Lincoln cent with 1965 date/reverse HUNT VALLEY OPENING/UPS logo/ DAY ONE EMPLOYEE.

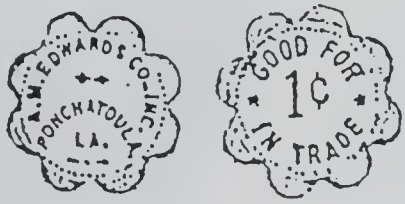
JOE BURFORD R-241

STRAWBERRY TICKETS

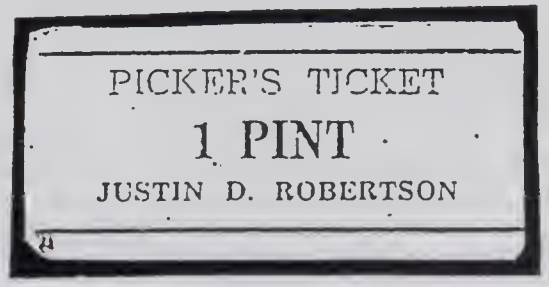
A Catalog of Tickets and Tokens Used by the Strawberry Pickers And Packers in Tangipahoa and Livingston Parishes, Louisiana
By C. R. Clark & Carl Drude, Jr.

Book Review by Curtis H. Judge

A new reference work covering Strawberry Industry paper tickets and tokens used in Louisiana has just been issued by C.R.Clark and Carl Drude. The book is soft bound, with clear plastic front and card rear covers, 64 pages in length. A large number of illustrations of the tickets and tokens are included along with much background information relating to the various issuing operations. About 230 different pieces are cataloged in the work..

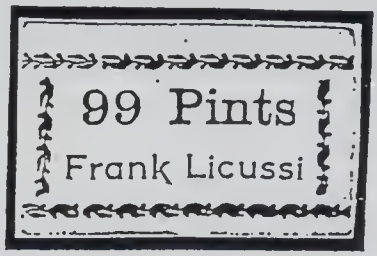


The various tickets and tokens are cataloged by city and then issuing company . Each is given a distinct catalog number, along with a complete description including size, color and wording. The authors do not attempt to provide a rarity listing on each item. Detailed background information is provided on the farm and operator where known. A location index is provided as is a bibliography of other related reference works used in the compilation.



The strawberry pickers at each farm usually used wooden carriers filled with pint cups. The pickers filled the cups and then piled berries high in the center in what some growers called a jumble pack. After filling one or two carriers, they were taken to the packing shed where a ticket or token was given to the picker for each carriers worth of berries. The packers then sorted the berries by grade and completed the packing process into 24 pint crates. Upon the completion of each crate the packer was also given a ticket or token representing the work done. The tickets and tokens were later exchanged for the workers pay, usually at the end of the work week.

The tickets vary in valuation depending on the growers pay plan preferences. They run from 1c to higher denominations, and the majority being denominated in pints or crates packed. Ticket listings make up the majority of the information with tokens consisting of about 10% of the listings.



A six page supplement has already been issued with new finds. The volume, and supplement will be shipped in a padded mailer by Special Standard Mail. Cost on the book is $10.00 plus $2.00 for packaging and shipping. Florida residents must include $0.70 tax with order. Autographed copies are available.

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Family History

In the town of Delmhorst, Grand Dutchy of Oldenberg, Germany, Peter Numsen, a highly respected merchant lived. He began life under favorable circumstances, having the advantage of an honorable name and good family connections. Through the complications of business, however, he became involved in litigation, which reduced him to actual want. His family consisted of his wife and three little children; the second of whom was William the subject of this sketch. In the deep distress which now overwhelmed this little family, the wife and mother exhibited those strong heroic qualities, which belonged to the highest type of womanhood. Leaving her husband and the two older children, she braved the perils of the sea and came with her infant child to Philadelphia, where her brother, a Lutheran minister, resided, to prepare the way for the removal of her family. One year afterward her husband followed her, consigning William and his sister to the care of their maternal grandfather. Not long after the grandfather died and they fell into the hands of strangers, who put them to hard tasks, and severely treated them, seeking to profit from their labor. They suffered the pangs of hunger and want of sufficient clothing. Their only sympathizing friend was their grandmother, who though powerless to protect them, induced a kind Moravian sea captain to take them to America. His ship, "Diana", was to sail from Bremen; the children, under the cover of night, escaped, and though pursued by the police, reached the vessel after a fatiguing walk and were soon at sea.

Romance does not furnish a more affecting incident than this; yet it ends not here. Weeks pass; they are nearing the shores of free America; their young hearts beat high with the prospect of being clasped to a mother's bosom and a father's heart, to forget all their troubles and pains, in the bliss of reunion, when suddenly the hurricane seizes the vessel and she is wrecked; by the mercy of God, just as she was settling down amid the billows, a bark from New York to Amsterdam picked them up and took them back to the country whence they came. There they were put ashore, homeless, penniless, and friendless.

Furnished with a little money by the Bremen Consul, this lion-hearted boy and his sister walked their way back home, each with a pack of scanty clothing. William was at this time about twelve years of age, and his sister fourteen. The cruelties, perils, and hardships which he had encountered, and the association of the sea, would naturally induce a reckless spirit and life in a youth of less principle. Just at this critical period, a providential occurrence doubtless determined his future career. A comrade, while skating on a Sabbath day, during the hours of religious service, was drowned. He was so deeply impressed by this that it became the occasion of his becoming a Christian.

At the age of seventeen he determined to come to America; having no means where with to pay his passage, he became a "redemptioner;" that is, he mortgaged himself for a sum sufficient to pay the fare of his sister and himself.

Narrowly escaping shipwreck, they landed at Baltimore, and immediately communicated with their mother, then a widow in Pennsylvania, in destitute circumstances, her husband having died, leaving her with the care of four little children. She arrived in Baltimore at midnight and was directed by a watchman to the house of a Mr. Muth, a well known baker. As she entered she said, "I have a son and a daughter come here from Bremen, can you give me any tidings of them." Pointing to a young lad standing near, he said, "Woman, behold thy son," and immediately he was clasped in her arms.

William apprenticed himself to Mr. Muth, and shortly after his term expired determined to set up himself in the baking business. He rented a bakery and the necessary furniture for three dollars per month, and purchased three barrels of flour on the security of a friend. His business prospered from the start, and it was not long before he was enabled to have his mother, brothers and sisters, living with him under his own roof.

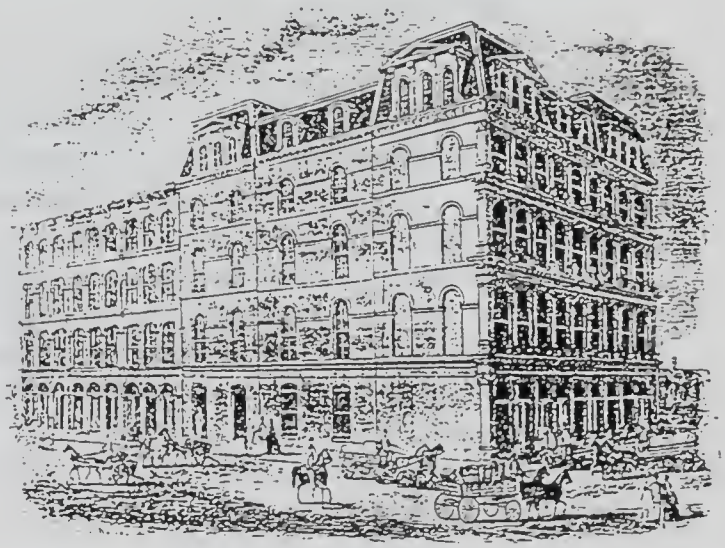
By diligent prosecution of his business, and excerise of rigid economy, he obtained a competency, and a valuable custom. Thus far the abused and tempest tossed little German boy had become one of the successful bakers in a great American city; yet his desires are not satisfied; he advances upon a new avenue of industry.

Oyster, Fruit and Vegetable Packing

Pickling and preserving so far as it was a business, was but a small collateral branch of the bakery and confectionery trade. Mr. Numsen turned his attention to that and it soon began to develope into an independent department; then it assumed phases of which no one, hardly himself had dreamed. To pickling and preserving was added hermetically sealing, a secret which seemed to have been discovered just in time to answer the demands of the new trade. This also lead to the packing of oysters, and, finally, of all kinds of fruits and vegetables.

Mr. Numsen is really the pioneer in the trade. He opened his pickling and preserving house on Pratt Street in 1847; the growing trade necessitated larger quarters, and he soon after purchased a warehouse on Light Street. In 1850 he associated with him his son-in-law, John F. Thomas, under the firm of Numsen & Thomas. Shortly after, they pulled down the old warehouse, and erected the present buildings at 18 Light Street. In 1851 they added oyster packing to the business.

In 1853, John W. and Nathaniel G. Numsen, sons of Mr. Numsen, became partners of the firm; in 1862, Mr. Thomas withdrew, and S. John Carroll entered, and the style was changed to Numsen, Carroll & Co. In 1868, Mr. Carroll withdrew, and the firm assumed its present name William Numsen & Sons, William N., the third son being added to it.



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They have a Packing House on Federal Hill, which has a water front on two docks 180 by 325 feet. Its capacity is for 30,000 cans daily; also a large establishment on German Street, exclusively for pickling and

manufacturing vinegar. Another establishment in Easton, Talbot County, principally for preserving peaches; and a factory at York, Pe..., for condensing milk and packing small fruits.

Other Ventures & Personal History

Mr. Numsen invested largely in real estate. He purchased a valuable tract on the northwest confines of the city, which has since been sold and improved, and the profits used in the erection of "Numsen's Block," on 18 light Street; an Iron Edifice, consisting of six spacious warehouses, among the finest in the city. He also owns a valuable farm on Bear Creek, near Fort Carroll, ten miles below the city, on which he raises for packing purposes vegetables and fruits.

While engaged in his vast business enterprises, he has not been unmindful of his higher obligation to society and the church. He united with the Otterbein Church on Conway Street near Sharp, in 1821; married the daughter of the pastor, Miss Mary Schneider, 1823, and was an active member of it until in the organization of the "German Evangelical Association," in which he became a local minister, and which he has greatly aided by his liberal contributions.

The estimation in which he is held in the community, is evidenced by the responsible position which he holds in some financial institutions, among which we mention: The Central Savings' Bank, of which he is a Director; the German Society of Maryland, a vice-president.

Mr. Numsen is now in the seventy-fifth year of his age, having been born in Delmhorst, December 3d, 1803. He is still actively engaged in the business, ably assisted by his sons.

Now, tracing the German boy of Delmhorst in 1814, working hard for a cruel master, who denied him necessary food and clothing, up to his present position, at the head of the largest interest in Baltimore, in which he was a pioneer, his career seems most wonderful. The benefit which the city has derived from it cannot be computed. Thre business itself has given employment and support to many thousands; added to the general wealth; developed other industries; brought trade hither from all parts of the globe; introduced sources of revenue that without it never would have been opened to us; and given Baltimore the first prominence in the world, in the fruit and packing interest.

Among the many men who have greatly blessed Baltimore through their enterprise, none have accomplished more than **William Numsen.**

The above was taken in its entirety from "The Monumental City its Past History and Present Resources" by George W. Howard, 1873, 1876 and 1880.

I personally found the story and history of William Numsen fascinating as it touched upon some very significant history about businesses in the city of Baltimore. Following are tokens used by William Numsen which are attributed to being used in his oyster, fruit and vegetable packing business.

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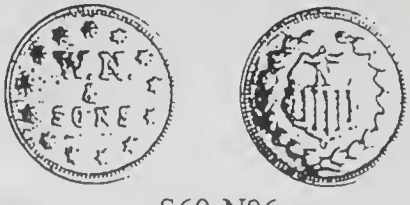

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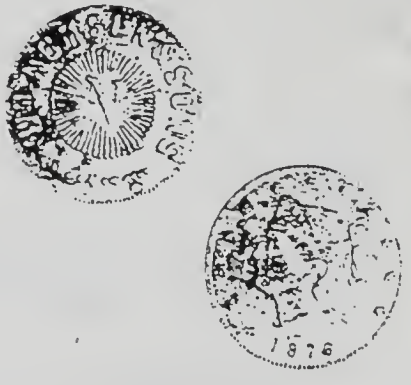

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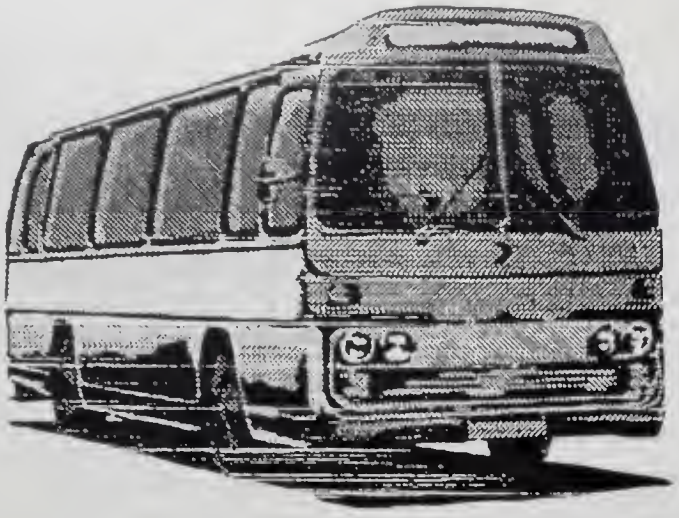

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